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## LAWS, &c.

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I. **E**VERY Person, when admitted a Member of the Society, shall advance half-a-guinea, for which, after subscribing the laws, he shall receive a printed ticket, with a number upon it, signed by the President. He shall also regularly pay one guinea per annum; the time of subscription to be reckoned from January 1st and July 1st, and the subscription always to be paid in advance up to the end of the current half-year. If any Subscriber neglect to pay his subscription for one month after it becomes due, the Librarian shall send him a written notice of his neglect, for which notice he shall pay the Librarian sixpence; and if his subscription remain unpaid for two months after the sending of this notice, he shall pay a double subscription for that half-year: And whenever any Subscriber, after regular notices, remains one whole year in arrears to the Society, he shall forfeit his interest therein. In order that the Librarian may know at what time to send notices, the subscriptions shall be paid into his hands.

II. A Treasurer, who shall also act as Secretary and President, shall be chosen annually.—All the cash belonging to the Society shall be deposited in his hands, and his accounts shall be settled annually, viz. at the Meeting in April.

III. Every Subscriber shall have the power of transferring his property to any person who shall subscribe these laws, and submit to them; but no one shall be permitted to lend either his ticket or a library book to any person out of his own family, under the penalty of one shilling for each offence.

IV. A General Meeting of the Subscribers shall be held at the Library on the first Tuesday after the second day of every month, at half past five o'clock, and every Member not present at six o'clock (if in town, and in health) shall be fined sixpence.

V. At the monthly meeting, all laws for the regulation of the Society shall be made, and all questions shall be determined by a majority of the Subscribers present; but Ladies, who are Members of this Society, shall have the privilege of voting by proxy, provided the proxy be a subscriber. When the numbers are equal, the President shall have a casting vote, and the manner of voting shall in all cases be by ballot. Three members, the President being present, or five if he be absent, shall constitute a quorum.

VI. No new law, or alteration of a law already established, shall be balloted for, of which notice has not been previously given at a former meeting.

VII. The Members present at the monthly meeting shall determine by ballot what books shall be admitted into the library; but every one of the Society may command a ballot for any book he pleases, by entering its title in a book which is always to be kept open in the library-room for that purpose; and no book is to be balloted for, which is not thus previously entered.

VIII. The President shall fix the time allowed for reading each particular book, for the first year, which shall be written on the inside of the cover, after which

period, any Member shall be allowed to keep such book for an indefinite time, subject to the directions of the monthly meeting.

IX. The President, with the consent of any two Members, may order into the library, once a month, any book or books, not exceeding the value of five shillings.

X. The Secretary shall take care that all the books be half bound, cut, lettered, and numbered on the back.

XI. Whoever shall receive a book from any other person than the Librarian, (such pamphlets excepted as are provided for *See Law XV.*) or when he returns it, shall neglect to deliver it to the Librarian, shall forfeit one shilling.

XII. The Librarian shall not be obliged to give out, or take in, any book on a Sunday, nor out of the usual shop hours on any other day. If the time allowed for reading any book expire on a Sunday, it shall be returned on the Monday following; and if it be in the hands of a subscriber who lives beyond the limits of the city and suburbs, and the time of its expiration happen not on a market day, it may be kept till the market day immediately succeeding.

XIII. When any book hath been regularly returned into the hands of the Librarian, the first who applies for it shall have a right to demand it.—But no book within the first year of its circulation shall be re-entered to the same person, until it hath been brought back, and hath remained in the library-room one week.

XIV. Whoever shall keep a book beyond the time limited by the President, shall forfeit,—for a pamphlet, one penny a day; for a duodecimo or octavo, twopence; and for a quarto or folio, threepence, provided that such

fine do not rise higher than the original value of the book if it be less than five shillings, nor higher than five shillings upon any book whatever.

XV. The monthly publications, and such other pamphlets as the Members present at the monthly meeting shall deem proper, shall be circulated amongst those Members who reside in town.—When they have passed through this circulation, and are returned to the Librarian, they may be circulated, according to the preceding laws, amongst such Members as reside in the country.

XVI. These pamphlets, as soon as procured, shall be sent to the Secretary, with a double cover of cartridge paper.—The Secretary shall write on the cover the number of days to be allowed for reading each pamphlet, and the forfeiture per diem for keeping it beyond the proper time; also the names of the Members, and the order in which they are to have it.

XVII. The Member who proposes a pamphlet shall have it first, then the Member next junior in the Society, and so on.

XVIII. The Secretary, within one day of receiving each pamphlet, shall send it out as above, marking the day of the month at which it begins to circulate: When the Member first in the list has read it, he shall send it on to the second, marking the day of the month, and so on.—When the book is returned, by inspecting the cover the forfeits may be known.

XIX. When a pamphlet has passed through its first circulation, a longer time shall be allowed for reading it, and the Member first applying for it shall have it.—The time to be allowed shall be marked by the Secretary, on the cover at the end of each pamphlet, upon its being

first sent out; upon which cover, every Member who desires to have the pamphlet in its second circulation, must write his name; and the last person on the first circulating list is required to send such pamphlet to the Member whose name appears the first on the second.

**XX.** The last Member in the circulating list shall send the pamphlet to the Librarian, as soon as the time allowed for the reading of it is expired.

**XXI.** There shall be printed, as often as the Members shall think it necessary, a Copy of the Laws, a List of all the Members of the Society, and a Catalogue of all the Books belonging to it, to be given to every Subscriber, or sold at such a price as the Members shall fix upon. If it shall be judged unnecessary to reprint the whole, there shall at least be printed every year an Appendix of all the new Books, new Laws, and new Members, to be given gratis to the Subscribers.

**XXII.** No one shall be allowed to have more than two books and one pamphlet at a time during the first year of their being in the library; besides such pamphlets as may come to him in the regular course of circulation. (*See Law XVII.*)

**XXIII.** If any book shall be lost, the person who took it out shall pay the value of it; but if the book lost be one of a set, the person who lost it shall take the remaining volumes, and buy another set for the library; and if he refuses to submit to the penalty, he shall be excluded the Society.

**XXIV.** At a Meeting to be held twice a year, such books as seem no longer necessary to be retained, shall be sold, the Members present having the preference.— At this Meeting the Secretary shall collect forfeits.

XXV. The Subscribers shall be allowed to enter their names or numbers for any book, in a book kept for that purpose in the library-room, and they shall have the book in succession as their names are entered. The time for such entries being made shall commence as soon as the book shall be prepared for circulation by the Secretary, and lodged in the library-room. The book shall be entered to the person next in succession the day after it is regularly returned; and every Subscriber determine for himself whether he will have the book sent him by the Librarian (allowing him one penny within the town), or he will send for it himself; but the book being entered to him, his time of reading is going on, whether he send for it or not. If any Subscriber whose name has been entered for a book, do not send for it in the course of the day after that on which it was returned, the book may then be taken by the person who stands next in succession. And this rule shall be extended to every new publication which consists of one continued narration, though comprehended in different volumes; so that a Subscriber may enter his name or number for all the volumes of such a work, and be entitled to read them in succession, subject to the preceding regulations; but he shall have only one volume at once.

N. B. They who wish to become Subscribers, are requested to send their names to the Librarian,  
Mr. PECK, Lower-Ousegate.

CATALOGUE OF THE BOOKS NOW IN  
POSSESSION OF THE SOCIETY.

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